



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

Date: November 19, 2013

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Safe Routes Non-Infrastructure Grant Agreement Renewal**

Recommendation:

- A. Authorize City officials to enter into an agreement with MnDOT for this Safe Routes to School grant
- B. Passage of the accompanying resolution requesting MnDOT be our agent to accept the federal grant

Previous Directives:

- October 10, 2006 – T&PW Committee, School Pedestrian Safety Program Update, Receive and File
- December 11, 2006 - C.A. Res. 2006R-610 Adopting 2008-2012 Five Year Capital Program
- December 12, 2007 - C.A. Res. 2007R-645 Adopting 2008-2012 Five Year Capital Program
- May 20, 2008 – Resolution to amend the 2008 general appropriation resolution by increasing Capital Improvements Fund by \$13,000

Department Information:

Prepared by: Forrest Hardy, Graduate Student Intern, Safe Routes

Approved by: _____

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., Director of Public Works

Presenters in Committee: Forrest Hardy, Graduate Student Intern, Safe Routes
Shaun Murphy, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator

Financial Impact

- No financial impact
- Action is within the Business Plan

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable
- City Goals: Satisfies health and transportation sustainability indicators
- Comprehensive Plan: Satisfies multi-modal transportation goals
- Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Supporting Information

In FY 2005-2006 MNDOT awarded the City of Minneapolis federally reimbursable funds to develop and deploy Safe Routes to School planning and programming at five schools. The original agreement outlined a valid use of funding as follows:

- Education (Curriculum Development)
- Encouragement/Education (Create Walking School Busses)
- Encouragement (Walk or Bike to School Event)
- Evaluation (Safe Routes to School Surveys)
- Enforcement
- Staffing to meet these goals

The five schools indicated on the original agreement were Hiawatha Community School, Hale Community School, Bancroft Community School, Nellie Stone Johnson Community School, and Lucy Laney Community School. The agreement had a term limit of two years and at the time of expiration \$5,667.42 of the funds remained unspent.

In 2013, MNDOT notified Public Works that these funds would be terminated in August and that any remaining balances should be sent for reimbursement. Public Works coordinated an extension for these funds with MNDOT, who subsequently produced a new agreement to allow these funds to be reused once again. In the new agreement, the valid use of funds is condensed into two categories. The permissible schools remain the same. The valid use of funds for the new agreement is as follows:

- Encouragement/Education
 - i. Staffing and materials for a crossing guard program)
 - ii. Coordinate and organize Walking School Bus events, Bike Train, and/or Walk/Bike to School events
- Evaluation – Gather data to evaluate the effectiveness of the events

Public Works desires to use the remaining funds to fund one or more Walking School Bus Programs at the permissible schools. This will be done in coordination with Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) Safe Routes staff to determine the most viable and equitable location for these programs. MPS staff currently operates similar grant funded Walking School bus programs at Lucy Laney and other district schools.

Attachments

A: Resolution for Agency Agreement, Amending the Capital Improvement Appropriation Resolution

Resolution

By: _____

Authorizing Proper City Officials to Execute Cooperative Agreements with MNDOT

Whereas the City of Minneapolis was previously awarded federally reimbursable funds to develop and deploy a Safe Routes to School plan at five schools

Whereas the City of Minneapolis entered into contract C-25905 with MNDOT in 2006, thereby allowing MNDOT to be the city's agent in accepting these funds

Whereas the aforementioned contract between the City of Minneapolis and MNDOT expired after a period of two years

Whereas \$5,667.42 in preliminary engineering funds associated with this contract remain unspent

Whereas MNDOT authored a new agreement in July 2013 that would allow the city to resume use of these funds if executed

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the proper City officers are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the City of Minneapolis, to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation for the project described as Safe Routes Programming (04252).